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REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Specification. The Applicant has amended the Abstract herein to obviate Examiner Jones' objection to the Abstract. No new matter was added by the amendment of the Abstract herein. Withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is therefore respectfully requested.

<u>Claims</u>. In the Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Jones objected to and rejected pending claims 1-9 on various grounds. The Applicant responds to each objection and rejection as subsequently recited herein, and respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR § 1.112:

A. Examiner Jones rejected claims 1-9 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 5, 9, 10 and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,785,548 to *Moulsley* et al.

The Applicant is concurrently filing a terminal disclaimer responsive to this rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-9 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 5, 9, 10 and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,785,548 to *Moulsley* et al. is therefore respectfully requested.

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B. Examiner Jones objected to claims 10-12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicant hereby acknowledges Examiner Jones' objection to dependent claims 10-12 as including allowable subject matter. The Applicant has added (1) new dependent claims 13, 16 and 19 including the subject matter of dependent claim 10, (2) new dependent claims 14, 17 and 20 including the subject matter of dependent claim 11, and (3) new dependent claims 15, 18 and 21 including the subject matter of dependent claim 12. An allowance of new claims 13-21 is therefore respectfully requested.

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SUMMARY

Examiner Jones' rejection of claims 1-9 has been obviated by the submittal of a responsive terminal disclaimer. The Applicant therefore respectfully submits that pending claims 1-21 as listed herein fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, Examiner Jones is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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